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Dear Sir:

An Office Action of January 26, 2004 has been received regarding this application.

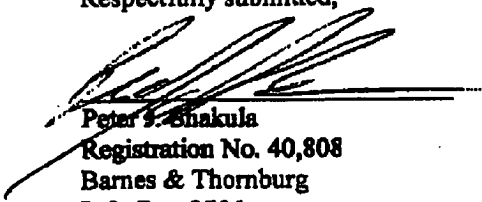
In the Office Action, the examiner allows claims 1 - 30, and that allowance is most gratefully acknowledged. The examiner has also indicated the allowability of claim 37, but rejects claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Asahi U.S. Patent No. 6,619,867 in view of De Montmorillon U.S. Patent No. 6,396,987. Reconsideration is requested.

Asahi was filed with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2000. However, the present application was filed prior thereto on April 28, 2000. Therefore, Asahi is not a proper reference, and the rejection, based upon Asahi is inappropriate.

Given the above, it is submitted that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and the examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

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Respectfully submitted,



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